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FORGOTTEN CHILDREN

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Nothing more deeply affects our feeling than the forgotten child.

No thoughtful citizen wants any child to be forgotten, deserted, or neglected because his parents are dead, or ill, or because they cannot provide adequate care

Virtually every community has forgotten children. Few communities know their number, or have plans providing care for every child that needs protection.

GOVERNMENT WILL AID

On January 1, 1938, the dependent and neglected children in Pennsylvania became the responsibility of the County Commissioners in each county. At the same time a new opportunity for giving these children the kind of care they need has been offered under the Social Security Act.

Appropriations to assist neglected and dependent children are authorized by the Federal Social Security Act to State public-welfare agencies. Pennsylvania's annual allotment of $70,000 is administered by the Rural Extension Unit, Bureau of Community Work, Department of Welfare.

FIELDS OF SERVICE

What does this fund provide? It may be used in establishing, extending, and strengthening, in predominantly rural areas, public-welfare services for the protection and care of homeless, dependent, and neglected children, or children in danger of becoming delinquent.

It gives the County Commissioners, under their direction, the services of one or more child welfare workers to plan and care for children who need foster homes or institutional care.

Through careful study of the child and his family, the Rural Extension Unit strives to prevent taking the child from his own home unless absolutely necessary.

If separation is necesary, this typical result indicates what can be accomplished:

> *"In May 1937, eighteen months-old Nancy and her five brothers and sisters, through the neglect of their parents, became known to the child welfare secretary. Then, Nancy was dirty, anemic, undernourished and nervous. They were placed in carefully selected foster homes.*

> *"Now, eight months later, Nancy is rosy-cheeked, chubby and no longer nervous. Her brothers and sisters, ranging up to ten years, are happy. Foster homes meant their first real homes and loving care."*

Fortunately for Nancy and her brothers and sisters, such a service existed.

LOCAL CONTROL

The Rural Extension Unit's plan for a county includes a local advisory committee composed of those citizens particularly interested in children and their needs. While the salary of the Child Welfare Secretary comes from Federal funds, the actual cost of board, clothing and medical care of the children are carried by the County Commissioners.

CARE DEPENDS UPON YOU!

No county can give its children better care than citizens want to provide.

If you care about what is happening to children in your community, ask your County Commissioners, Judges, or other public officials

what plans they have for the protection of neglected or dependent children.

Only if your public officials, and you, and other citizens become interested, will your county's neglected and dependent children receive the care to which they are entitled.

Happy children are the Nation's greatest asset! Don't neglect the child!

If you wish some one to explain available services to your Grange, your service club, or any other group, the Rural Extension Unit, will gladly send a representative.

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